

Montana Scholastic Review Team

The Office of Public Instruction is dedicated to the academic success of all students, and it has been entrusted by the Board of Public Education (ARM 10.55.601 & 10.55.701) to assist all schools in providing the opportunity for all children to attend schools actively engaged in the continuous school improvement process. Selecting and training academic review teams to conduct on-site visits to provide ongoing support to Montana schools in the process is critical. Scholastic Review Teams will provide each visited school with a road map for the next steps in their continuous school improvement process. Visiting teams will use the correlates and indicators of school improvement. This alignment study is completed by conducting interviews, making visitations, and reviewing a portfolio the school will prepare prior to the team's arrival. Within three weeks after the on-site visit, the OPI will submit a report to the school that will provide detailed information targeting three areas: learning environment, efficiency, and academic performance. The school coach will maintain contact with the school throughout the year to assist them in their efforts to impact the learning environment and student achievement. The OPI will conduct a follow-up visit to determine progress that has been made and to offer further assistance in the targeted areas. Schools will emerge with a guaranteed and viable curriculum, challenging goals, parent and community involvement, a safe and culturally sensitive environment and collegiality and professionalism.